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SUBJ: 58TH ECOSOC: CAMBODIAN AND PRG INVITATION TO WCIWY

1. AT OPENING OF APRIL 28 ECOSOC PLENARY, SECT ANNOUNCED THAT RECEIPT OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF GOVT, INVITATION WILL BE SENT TO NEW CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES. HE STATED THAT IN KEEPING WITH NORMAL PRACTICES, INVITATION NOT SENT TO PRG SINCE PRG HAD NEVER BEEN INVITED TO A UN CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, SECT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH PRG ON SAME BASIS AS ABOVE.

2. SECT'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS INTERVENTIONS BY PRC, USSR AND SEVERAL G-77 COUNTRIES URGING INVITATIONS BE SENT TO NEW CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES AND PRG. IN COURSE OF THIS DEBATE, CHAIR RULED THAT QUESTION OF INVITATIONS NOT BEFORE ECOSOC. (TECHNICALLY, AGENDA ITEM UNDER DISCUSSION WAS INVITATION TO NGO'S TO ATTEND WCIWY.)

3. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SENEGALESE REP SUPPORTED BY DEMOCRATIC YEMEN INDICATED THAT HE PLANS TO MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL THAT INVITATION BE SENT TO PRG, PRESUMABLY WHEN ECOSOC PLENARY RESUMES ON FRIDAY, MAY 2. (SOVIETS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY NOT

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BEHIND THIS EFFORT AND, IN FACT, WILLING TO LET

MATTER RUN ITS NATURAL COURSE NOR DOES PRC SEEM INTERESTED IN PURSUING QUESTION. PROBLEM IS THAT IT APPEARS TO HAVE EXCITED SOME G-77 MEMBERS AND SEEM DETERMINED TO BRING IT TO A HEAD NOW.)

4. SHOULD THIS PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED, WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE STATEMENT OPPOSING INVITATION TO PRG AT THIS TIME ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS THAT SUCH ECOSOC ACTION WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF GA DECISION. WE WOULD STATE THAT QUESTION IS NOW ESSENTIALLY ONE OF CREDENTIALS WHICH WOULD BE SETTLED WHEN WCIWY CONVENES IN MEXICO THIS SUMMER.

5. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION BUT NOT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO AVOID ISSUE OF PRG INVITATION BEING PUT TO VOTE IF SOME G-77 MEMBERS PERSIST. ON VOTE RE PRG INVITATION, FRG INFORMALLY TOLD MISOFF THAT THEY NOW PREPARED TO ABSTAIN. LATER STEELE OF UK INFORMED AMB FERGUSON THAT EC-9 WILL ABSTAIN. WE SUSPECT ASIAN GROUP AND JAPAN WOULD TAKE SAME POSITION. US "NO" VOTE WOULD BE IN COMPLETE ISOLATION.
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